representations were received, especially during monsoon season, regarding repair and maintenance of certain highways/bridges under National Highways Development Project (NHDP), which were duly attended to as part of maintenance to keep the highways/bridges in traffic worthy condition.

Wherever 4/6 laning works under NHDP are under implementation, to keep the existing roads in traffic worthy condition, the maintenance of existing roads are carried out by the Contractor/Concessionaire as part of their obligations under contract/concession agreement. In case of sections identified under NHDP where 4/6 laning has not yet started, the maintenance of existing roads are being carried out by NHAI, State Public works Departments (PWDs)/Border Road Organisation (BRO) through funds provided by the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Revival status of HDPEL and CIWTC

3910. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the revival status of Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Ltd. (HDPEL) and Central Inland Water Transport Corporation (CIWTC)?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): The revival status of Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers Limited (HDPEL) and Central Inland Water Transport Corporation (CIWTC) is given in the enclosed statement (See below).

Statement

Details of revival status of HPDEL and CIWTC

"REVIVAL STATUS OF HOOGHLY DOCK & PORT ENGINEERS LIMITED"

The Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) in its 17th meeting held on 8th July, 2005 considered the proposal of the Department for Rehabilitation-cum-Restructuring plan of Hooghly Dock &

Port Engineers Limited for Rs. 381.71 crores and advised to submit a revised and realistic proposal appraised by independent consultant and that the projections made in the revival proposal should be benchmarked against the best year's performance of HDPEL and that the revival proposal should be bankable.

Accordingly, the Revised proposal at an estimated cost of Rs. 393.63 crores duly appraised by the consultant has been sent to BRPSE on 27th September, 2006 for consideration and recommendation.

"REVIVAL STATUS OF CENTRAL INLAND WATER TRANSPORT CORPORATION LTD. (CIWTC)"

Cabinet had in its meeting held on 1.12.2005 decided that the Rajabagan Dockyard (RBD) should be handed over to Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) or to any other Public Sector Enterprises along with existing manpower, assets and liabilities. It was also decided that outstanding principal amount as on 31.3.2005 be converted into equity and interest should be written off. It was further decided that Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) should be introduced in Central Inland Water Transport Corporation (CIWTC) to bring down the manpower level and CIWTC minus RBD should be disinvested in favour of private parties.

As per present status of implementation of above package, Rajabagan Dockyard stands transferred to Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers with effect from 1.7.2006. Orders have been issued for conversion of outstanding principal amount as on 31.3.2005 into equity and for writing-off of outstanding interest as on 31.1.2007. Voluntary Retirement Scheme has been introduced in CIWTC and at present the number of employees in CIWTC is 466. Actino has been initiated by the Department of Shipping to assess the viability of disinvestment of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation with varying employees' strength.

Construction of roads in Maharashtra

3911. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: